

Route 28 Station – South Study Meeting Notes

Working Group Meeting #19
L.L. Coates ES library @ 7 PM, Thursday 10-25-12

Administrative Items:

- Chairman Fairfield opens meeting with Working Group (WG) approval of the previous meeting's summary (10-10-12), with a minor change regarding the motion and vote on the 4 commercial parcels outside the Route 28 study, north of the Toll Road.

Transportation: Mike Garcia, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), reviews previous work leading up to and including the analysis of the shift of roughly a million square feet of office to residential use. He shares information about the Rock Hill Road bridge, the draft Bicycle Master Plan and preparing information for VDOT review. See the following link for the presentation:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/route28stationsouth/fcdot_28_wg_ppt_10_25_12.pdf

Q&A, Comments:

- WG chair Jeff Fairfield asks for the estimated cost of the bridge.
 - Mike indicates that the structure alone would be roughly \$20 million and that often with this sort of infrastructure; the main cost is right-of-way (ROW) acquisition.
 - WG member Mike Romeo points out that the bridge wouldn't require ROW to be purchased. It lands in the current ROW.
 - WG member Rae Noritake points out that the ROW costs would be for Sunrise Valley Drive going around the existing Hyatt in Dulles Corner.
- Mike Garcia welcomes comments on the draft Bicycle Master Plan from the group to either himself or Charlie Strunk, the County's bicycle coordinator.
- In discussing additional transportation demand management (TDM) measures, Staff mentions the demonstrated advantages of residential uses over office uses when it comes to increased transit ridership and decreased use of single occupancy vehicles. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Arlington County transit ridership surveys are referenced. See the following links for the surveys, including summary information:

WMATA 2005 Development-Related Ridership Survey:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/route28stationsouth/wmata_2005_development_related_ridership_survey.pdf

Arlington 2009 Transit Station Area Employee Commute Survey:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/route28stationsouth/arlington_2009_tsa_employee_commute_survey.pdf

Current Urban Design Guidelines: Clara Johnson, Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ), discusses the current urban design guidelines for the study area. See the following link for the presentation:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/route28stationsouth/dpz_28_wg_ppt_10_25_12.pdf

Next Meeting & Plan Text Writing:

- Clara Johnson, DPZ, asks if the group wants to aim to vote on a land use scenario for testing (and VDOT review) at the upcoming November 14th meeting, or in the last week of November.
 - WG chair Jeff Fairfield and several other members indicate a preference for the November 14th meeting.

- Based upon this stated preference, Clara says she will email the proposed new land use scenario for testing to the WG by Friday, November 9th. This will enable the WG to review these changes prior to the meeting on the 14th when the scenario is scheduled for a vote.
- WG chair Jeff Fairfield asks for staff to come up with a schedule for Plan text writing.
 - Clara indicates she will have this information for the upcoming meeting.

Next Meeting Date:

- 11-14-12 (Wednesday) in the library.